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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ELAB, TD
SUBJECT: TRINIDADIAN OBSERVERS AT WFTU CONGRESS.

REF: STATE A-1200

1. A TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LABOR CONGRESS (TTLIC) SOURCE HAS TOLD LABOFF THAT TWO TTLIC OBSERVERS WILL ATTEND WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS CONGRESS (WFTU) IN PRAGUE. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS THAT TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ALL-TRINIDAD SUGAR ESTATES AND FACTORY WORKERS' TRADE UNION (ATSEFWTU), WHICH CURRENTLY IS UNAFFILIATED WITH EITHER MAJOR UNION GROUPING IN THE COUNTRY, WILL BE OBSERVERS AT THE CONGRESS. THE ATSEFWTU PRESIDENT AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, BASDEO PANDAY, WAS PLANNING TO ATTEND BUT HAS DECIDED NOT TO BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF UNION AND PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS. AT LEAST ONE AND AS MANY AS FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEFT-LEANING COUNCIL OF PROGRESSIVE TRADE UNIONS MEMBERS REPORTEDLY ARE GOING TO PRAGUE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE TTLIC SOURCE, THE INVITATIONS FROM THE WFTU INCLUDED AIR FARE AND ALL EXPENSES.
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AS FAR AS HE KNEW, NONE OF THE T&T REPS WOULD ADDRESS THE CONGRESS. NO UNIONS HERE ARE AFFILIATED WITH WFTU.

3. COMMENT. TRINIDADIAN'S ARE LOATH TO TURN DOWN A FREE TICKET TO ANYWHERE, WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF TRADE UNIONISTS FROM

HERE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO PRAGUE. THE TTLC REPS,
AT LEAST, REGARD THE TRIP AS A JUNKET -- THE SOURCE
KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE CONGRESS AGENDA OR PAPERS TO
BE DISCUSSED. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE LABOFF A COPY
OF HIS REPORT TO TTLC AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION AFTER
HIS RETURN.
FOX

NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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Message Attributes

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